

to respect and admire him for the indelible mark he has left on higher education in Louisiana. Under his tenure as chancellor, Louisiana State University at Alexandria has risen to a place of prominence in higher education for central Louisiana.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating his outstanding accomplishments and dedication of Dr. John Robert Cavanaugh while chancellor of Louisiana State University at Alexandria. I acknowledge his invaluable and significant contribution to not only the State of Louisiana, but our Nation as well.

CONGRATULATING OUR NATION'S
BUSINESS PUBLICATION EDITORS
ON THEIR CODE OF ETHICS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, on August 2nd and 3rd, the American Society of Business Publication Editors (ASBPE) will be holding its national editorial conference in New York City for the first time in its almost 40-year history. I wanted to use this occasion to congratulate ASBPE for its outstanding efforts to increase the professionalization of our nation's trade press editors.

The work of trade publication editors is vitally important to not only our democracy but to the commercial success of our country as well. Each and every industry in the United States is served by an array of magazines, newsletters, newspapers, and Web publications whose only mission is to facilitate the free exchange of information among professionals in an industry. As the knowledgeable and highly trained specialists who create the content for and manage those publications, business editors are the key to the continued free flow of news, best practices, and technical research that's so critical to ensuring the continued success of American professionals and industry in a rapidly globalizing world. Trade editors are the indispensable knowledge workers who help shape the environment in which businesses and nonprofit organizations operate. These knowledge workers combine expertise in their subject matter with their skills as writers and editors to tell the stories that professionals in an industry rely on to grow their own expertise. Without our trade press editors, companies and organizations would operate in a black hole, devoid of information and unable to grow. In our post-industrial world, information is the currency of success.

It's especially fitting that ASBPE be acknowledged at this time, because it has recently released its revised Code of Ethics, which is unique in the scope of its effort to come to grips with the rapidly changing digital environment in which editors must work. Professionals throughout the world of business journalism have appropriately acknowledged the thoughtful, balanced approach taken by ASBPE to set guidelines for editors struggling to understand what's appropriate, and what's not, in today's highly digitalized world. Already ASBPE has received kudos from publishers and editors for balancing the needs of advertisers and the inviolable need for journalism

objectivity in our brave new world of digital media, but I'd like to add my own congratulations for its admirable work in this area. ASBPE's Code of Ethics truly represents one of the first comprehensive efforts to give editors the same level of guidance in the digital world that they have had in the print world.

I have been very involved in many issues considered by this Congress that impact the job of journalism professionals like those who belong to ASBPE. As you know, as a member of the Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, I have tried to ensure the rights of journalists to maintain access to government information, as intended in the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Among other things, I recognized early on the impact of digital communications on journalism by advocating passage of E-FOIA, a law that eases public access to information in an electronic format under the Freedom of Information Act. In the 109th Congress I was an early cosponsor of the OPEN Government Act, which would help independent bloggers and other new-media communicators obtain government information by expanding FOIA provisions to journalists not affiliated with institutions. Time and again I have called for openness over secrecy in the dissemination of information by the executive branch of the federal government, whether it involves testimony from former government officials on homeland security matters, or scientists' recommendations on contraceptive safety. In these efforts, I share many of the goals of the editorial professionals in the trade press.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome ASBPE to my city and congratulate its president, Roy Harris, Jr., of CFO Magazine in Boston, and its incoming president, Steven Roll of the Bureau of National Affairs in Washington, D.C., for the success of their growing organization. I also want to congratulate Warren Hersch, ASBPE's New York City chapter president, for hosting his organization in our great city. A congratulatory note, too, to ASBPE's two most recent past presidents, Paul Heney of Hydraulics & Pneumatics Magazine in Cleveland, and Robert Freedman of Realtor Magazine in Washington, D.C. Finally, a hearty good luck to ASBPE's other national officers, Vice President Portia Stewart of Firstline Magazine, in Kansas City, Kans., and Treasurer Ira Pilchin of the American Bar Association in Chicago, and the incoming vice president, Amy Fischbach of Kansas City, and Jyme Mariani of GMPRO in Fort Worth, Texas.

TRIBUTE TO TOBIAS "TOBY"
GIACOMINI

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with sadness today to honor Tobias "Toby" Giacomini who died July 17, 2007, at the age of 88. Toby was a long-time businessman and leader in the West Marin community whose warmth and generosity were as legendary as his feed store and trucking enterprises.

Born in Petaluma in 1918, Toby moved to Point Reyes Station almost 70 years ago to manage the produce department in the Palace

Market, which was purchased by his brother Waldo. A few years later, he acquired a truck and began a milk pick-up business, serving the far-flung ranches of the area. He soon expanded to include delivery of supplies and hay, later growing his own in Nevada, and opened Toby's Feed Barn to augment the delivery service.

The trucking and feed barn businesses grew into two of the largest in the area, developing in new directions to meet the changing needs of the community. And Toby always claimed his success was due to conducting business with his word and a handshake, not formal contracts.

In 1983, after a heart attack, Toby turned the businesses over to his sons, Joe, Toby, and Chris. However, he supervised both the business and Point Reyes Station's Main Street, from a rocking chair on the porch, where he always had a friendly word or a light-hearted joke to dispense along with a fresh selection from the store's produce stand. The accompanying twinkle in his eye never dimmed.

Locals enjoyed stopping by for a friendly chat because they appreciated his care for his community and its future.

Toby helped organize the West Marin Lions Club and was active in its Western Weekend Parade and Barbecue for many years. His support for the Halleck Creek Riding Club, which provides therapeutic horseback riding for the disabled, was crucial to the group's ability to serve an expanding need. He was a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, the Young Men's Institute's Petaluma Council, and the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and always supported the schools and other local nonprofits. Seeing working families getting priced out of the community, he advocated for affordable housing, making it possible for a housing project to acquire land he owned to construct rental homes.

Toby is survived by a loving family including his wife Vetelena "Vet"; daughter Carol; sons Joe, Toby, and Chris; a brother Ralph and sister Esther; as well as 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Tobias Giacomini will be missed in West Marin. His memory will live on in his good works and in Toby's Feed Barn, now a gathering place on Main Street which is host to a community garden, a summer farmer's market, an art gallery, and many popular events and classes. He exemplifies what caring people who follow their hearts mean to a community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably absent yesterday afternoon, July 30, on very urgent business. Had I been present for the three votes which occurred yesterday evening, I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 2750, rollcall vote No. 758; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 580, rollcall vote No. 759; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 580, rollcall vote No. 760; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 579, rollcall vote No. 761; and I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 579, rollcall vote No. 762.

INTRODUCTION OF THE UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ACT OF 2007

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I am introducing today the Universal Pre-kindergarten and Early Childhood Education Act of 2007 (Universal Pre-K) to begin the process of providing universal, public school pre-kindergarten education for every child, regardless of income.

The bill is meant to fill the gaping hole in the President's No Child Left Behind law, which requires elementary and secondary school children to meet more rigorous standards while ignoring the preschool years which can best prepare them to do so. My bill would provide a breakthrough in elementary school education by taking a step at the Federal level to encourage school districts themselves to add a grade to elementary schooling at ages three and four as an option for every child.

We cannot afford to continue to blithely let the most fertile years for reading go by while we wonder why we can't teach Johnny to read. As the President presses No Child Left Behind into high schools, my bill asks him to begin at the beginning when children should begin their education.

The Universal Pre-K Act responds both to the huge and growing needs of parents for educational childcare and to the new science showing that a child's brain development, which sets the stage for lifelong learning, begins much earlier than previously believed. However, parents who need childcare for their pre-K aged children are rarely able to afford the stimulating educational environment necessary to ensure optimal brain development. Universal pre-K education would be a part of school systems, adding a new grade for three- and four-year-olds similar to five-year-old kindergarten programs now routinely available in the United States. The bill would eliminate some of the major shortcomings of the uneven commercial daycare now available and would assure the qualified teachers and safe facilities of public schools.

This bill's introduction is particularly timely here in the District of Columbia, where more extensive integration of early childhood education is planned as part of a larger effort to improve D.C. public schools. A recent report highlighted the economic benefits of early childhood education, generating \$221 million each year in the District while starting early to expand job, career, income, and academic prospects of children, decreasing the amount spent on social programs to address teen pregnancy, crime, and the like.

Compare the cost of daycare, most of it offered today with an inadequate educational emphasis, at an average cost of \$6,171 per year, to the cost of in-state tuition at the University of Virginia, which costs \$6,785 per year. Yet, more than 60 percent of mothers with children under age six work. That proportion is rapidly increasing as more mothers enter the labor force, including mothers leaving welfare, who also have no long term access to child care.

Because of decades of refusal by Congress to approve the large sums necessary for universal health coverage, the Universal Pre-K Act encourages school districts across the United States to apply to the Department of Education for grants to establish three and four-year-old kindergartens. Grants funded under Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, ESEA, would be available to school systems which agree in turn to use the experience acquired with the Federal funding provided by my bill to then move forward, where possible, to phase in three and four-year-old kindergartens for all children in the school district in regular classrooms with teachers equivalent to those in other grades as part of their annual school district budgets.

The success of high quality Head Start and other pre-kindergarten programs combined with new scientific evidence concerning the importance of brain development in the early years virtually mandate the expansion of early childhood education to all of our children. Traditionally, early learning programs have been available only to the affluent and to lower income families in programs such as Head Start. My bill provides a practiced way to gradually move to universal pre-school education. The goal of the Universal Pre-K Act is to bring the benefits of educational pre-K within reach of the great majority of American working poor, lower middle class, and middle class families, most of whom have been left out.

Considering the staggering cost of daycare, the inaccessibility of early education, and the opportunity earlier education offers to improve a child's chances in life, three and four-year-old kindergarten is overdue. The absence of viable options for working families demands our immediate attention.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN L. PUGH

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of John L. Pugh as he retires from Delta College after 36 years of service. John will be honored at a party of Friday, August 3, in Saginaw, MI.

John Pugh was born in Shubuta, MS, where he attended public school through eighth grade. He completed his secondary education in Newton, MS. He received his B.A. degree, cum laude, in economics from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Tallahassee, FL, and his master degree from the University of Toledo in 1971. He also attended Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS, and spent 4 years in the U.S. Air Force before entering Florida A and M University.

John Pugh became involved in politics, economic empowerment, and civil rights efforts as a freshman at Tougaloo College, where he worked with Medgar Evers on a successful public boycott that encouraged businesses in Jackson, MS, to hire African-American employees. He continued his community involvement during his 3 years as a student at Florida A and M University as he worked on local campaigns for Black mayoral candidates and helped develop a student magazine.

He has managed several successful local and State political campaigns. Mr. Pugh served as chair of the Saginaw County Reverend Jesse Jackson for President Committee in 1984 and 1988. Rev. Jesse Jackson won in Saginaw County in 1984. In 1988, again under Mr. Pugh's leadership, Jackson won the Saginaw district. Mr. Pugh served as a delegate to the National Democratic Convention in 1988 and 1992.

His community involvement includes: founding board member of the Ruben Daniels Educational Foundation, member of Saginaw County Mental Health Authority, chair of the Saginaw Branch NAACP ACT-SO Program, member of Zion Missionary Baptist Church Deacon Board, chair of New You Design Men's Apparel Store, managed local campaign efforts for Rev. Jesse Jackson, President Bill Clinton and Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry.

During his 36 years at Delta College, he developed a wide range of programs and initiatives to assist students and the Saginaw urban community. Delta College's faculty and staff recognized Mr. Pugh in 1980 and 1995 for his extensive service to the college and community when he was presented the American Association of University Professor, AAUP, Award, the highest honor bestowed upon college administrators.

Mr. Pugh is married to Carolyn. They have three daughters, Yvette, Pamela, and Canika, and three grandchildren, Andrea, Delyn, and Kevin John.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating John Pugh on his retirement from Delta College. He has devoted his life to nurturing the next generation of our country's leaders and has made the world a better place.

COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN WRITES TO CHIEF MINISTER TO DEMAND WITHDRAWAL OF WARRANT AGAINST DR. UDHOKE AND RELEASE OF MANN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, as I have discussed recently, the Punjab Government has issued an arrest warrant against Dr. Sukhpreet Singh Udhoke for the crime of writing about Sikh freedom and criticizing the chief minister. Mr. Mann's crime was placing a picture at the statue of the brutal late chief minister, Beant Singh.

The Council of Khalistan has recently written to Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal to demand the withdrawal of the warrant against Dr. Udhoke and the release of Mr. Mann. We should join in that demand, Madam Speaker. We should stop aid and trade with India to support rights for everyone and we should demand a free and fair vote on freedom for Khalistan, the Sikh homeland, for Nagalim, for Kashmir, and for the other nations seeking their freedom.

I would like to add that letter to the RECORD, Madam Speaker.